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TWO SENATORS CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING FEE

Members of Congress Under Investigation Charged With Using Undue Influence in Agencies

NAME OF BURSUM ADDED TO LIST WITH WHEELER

One More Senator Under Similar Accusation by Justice Officials

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The name of Senator Holm O. Bursum, republican, New Mexico, was added today to the list of United States senators under investigation by the department of justice in connection with charges of improper use of influence before federal government agencies.

Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, already is under indictment in his home state on a charge of accepting a fee for practicing before a government department, and the justice department made it known Saturday that it was investigating a similar accusation against Senator Seiden P. Spencer, Missouri.

Wheeler Case On Reports at the capital that still another senator was under inquiry were denied by justice officials. A new grand jury proceeding proceeding against Senator Wheeler was under way here, however, and that senator said today he might appear before the jury tomorrow on the invitation of the justice department.

Both Senators Bursum and Spencer denied they had violated any federal statutes in connection with appearances before any government agencies and said they would welcome the most thorough inquiries. Senator Spencer so informed Attorney General Stone in a letter which he made a part of the senate record after arising to a point of personal privilege.

Charges Not Disclosed Justice officials did not disclose the exact nature of the charges which have been made against Senator Bursum by Carl Magee, a New Mexico newspaper man, who was a witness in the Teapot Dome investigation. Assistant Attorney General Donovan said that this investigation thus far had developed nothing of importance but that he intended "to see the matter through."

Sensor Bursum in denying Magee's charges made the counter charge that the purpose was to embarrass him in the contest he has brought to regain his seat in the senate as against Sam G. Bratton, who was elected on the face of official returns. He added that the charge grew out of efforts he made to sell cattle in Mexico some years ago.

The New Mexico senator denied he had sought to obtain the consent of agents of the War Finance corporation for the sale of the cattle on which the corporation had made a loan and out of the sale of which he was to receive a commission. His version is that, at the instance of bankers who had mortgages on the cattle he had sought

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To the Taxpayers of School District No. 24, Marion County, Oregon

Do you know that the Washington school building is to be sold on the 24th of this month today?

That it is one of the best school buildings in the district? That there is no probability of its bringing 10 per cent of its value?

That a building equal to it in value could not be constructed at the present time for less than \$75,000?

That if it is not needed for school purposes now, it will be in a short time?

That it is no more a "fire trap" than other school buildings in the city?

That it can and has been emptied of all pupils in less than two minutes?

That it is no less sanitary than other school buildings in the city?

That to sacrifice it seems to be an economic waste? Why should it be sold? What is the need?

TAXPAYER.

United States Should Set Example of Peace, Pres. Coolidge Asserts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—After hearing addresses by President Coolidge, Major General Hanson E. Ely, commandant of the army war college, and Major General H. A. Helmick, inspector general, delegates to the national defense conference on peace insurance today pledged the organization having a membership of 1,000,000 women to combat the efforts of "those who would overthrow the government by force."

The vote followed a speech by General Helmick who described the attempts of "Reds" to undermine the youth of the nation. He outlined the growth of revolutionary movements in Russia and declared that organizations affiliated with the third international and having similar aims had sprung up in America.

President Coolidge told the delegates the United States "can and should set an example of moderation in agreement and should invite others to pursue a similar program."

"And whenever a particular nation shall convince its neighbors of such a purpose of moderation without aggression, it will be eas-

HOUSE PASSES MONEY BILLS

Appropriation Measure Acted on; Revenue Producers Expected

Fifty bills, including 43 house and seven senate measures, were passed by the house Monday, a majority of those carrying appropriations. Revenue bills will probably come up for consideration this morning.

Appropriation measures carrying money for salaries and expenses passed yesterday were for the superintendent of public instruction; circuit judges and district attorneys; supreme court; attorney general; dairy and food commissioner; Oregon National Guard; bureau of labor; state engineer; board of forestry; livestock sanitary board; state board of health; industrial welfare commission and for all of the state institutions.

Other appropriation measures were for the University of Oregon medical school; maintenance of the Doernbecher memorial hospital for the University of Oregon; support of homeless, neglected and abused children; expenses of the executive, state, treasury departments and state printers' claims; covering a fire loss at OAC; providing for the fulfillment of provisions of the Smith-Lever act; investigations of experimentation stations of OAC; support and maintenance of the state normal school at Monmouth; providing for a training school for teachers at Independence; paying various sundry claims; Oregon state and supreme court libraries; Oregon state fair; eradication of injurious rodents; destruction and control

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STUDENT OF GREAT AMERICAN IN SALEM

Winstock States Lincoln Was Offered Governorship of Territory

"I am not a bit ashamed," said Melvin G. Winstock yesterday, "to admit that I talk Abraham Lincoln from beginning to year's end. I assert now and am willing to prove, as the lawyers say, beyond a reasonable doubt, that history and more particularly, biography, is intensely more fascinating than any other occupation."

"Nations but represent the deeds of men. States reflect only the achievements of the citizenry. When Abraham Lincoln was beginning to grow in the eyes of the country, he was offered the governorship of Oregon. He declined to be sidetracked to this region remote from the crucial struggles of the hour. If he had accepted he would have doubtless made a good governor but it would probably have been at the expense of the nation. Events might so have turned as to land John C. Calhoun in the executive chair. Had he

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19 BILLS PASS IN 19 MINUTES

House Shoots Appropriation Measures Through in Speedy Action

Nineteen appropriation bills were passed in 19 minutes by the house Monday afternoon. Another batch was shot through just before adjournment. Where the money is to come from to meet these appropriations is a problem yet unsolved.

The legislature presents the spectacle of extending its session beyond the constitutional forty days because it is short on money and is groping around seeking deliverance in the way of a treasure trove.

A direct tax is talked of and favored by many, but the governor

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QUAKE ROCKS ALASKA; FELT IN NORTHWEST

Tremors Last for Short Time Chimneys Wrecked, Water Pipes Broken; People Run for Safety.

SHOCK MOST SEVERE IN HISTORY OF THE NORTH

Patients in Hospital Thrown From Beds; Dishes and Windows Crash

SEWARD, Alaska, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—Tremors, lasting a half minute, wrecked chimneys, broke water pipes and sent residents scurrying to safety in the streets at 2 o'clock this morning.

The Seward end of the United States signal corps cable to Valdez, 200 miles northeast of here at the northern end of Prince William sound, was broken by the shocks.

At Morraine, 62 1/2 miles north of Seward on the Alaska railroad, the tremors forced water out of the line water tanks. Heavy shocks were felt at many points on the Alaska railroad.

When the first earthquake was felt here people fled from their homes and places of business to the streets for safety. Pioneers said the tremors were the heaviest felt in this section for many years.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—One of the most severe earthquakes ever felt here rocked buildings of Anchorage for 19 1/2 seconds at 1:55 o'clock this afternoon.

There were two distinct tremors, the second being the heaviest. They were accompanied by deep rumbles.

Dishes in many homes were broken. Pupils in public schools were permitted to go home. Patients in the Anchorage hospital were shaken out of their beds.

All clocks were stopped at Curry, near here.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—An "extreme severe" earthquake about 3200 miles in a southerly direction from Washington was recorded tonight on the seismograph at Georgetown university.

Father Tondorf, the seismologist, announced that the disturbance was the most violent recorded on the instrument in three or four years.

The tremors, beginning at 7:02 p. m., reached a maximum intensity from 7:19 until 7:21. The most pronounced displacement in the earth's crust, as recorded by the device, ran in an east-west direction and made an impression calculated at about seven centimeters.

JACK JOHNSON IS CALLED FOR TRIAL

Former Heavyweight Champion Takes Stand in Stokes Divorce Trial

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—Jack Johnson, former heavyweight boxing champion, testifying today for the state at the trial of W. E. D. Stokes, New York millionaire, and others on trial for conspiracy to defame Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, the defendant's estranged wife, said two negroes, co-defendants with Stokes, approached him and asked him to testify falsely that he had known Mrs. Stokes. Johnson's flippant attitude on the witness stand caused Judge W. N. Connelley to reprimand him for his demeanor after attorneys had complained that the former fighter "seems to think the trial is a boxing exhibition."

Johnson's statements that two of the defendants, negroes, Robert Lee of Chicago and Mrs. Hattie Johnson of New York, alleged former agents of Stokes, asked him to swear he knew Mrs. Stokes, were subjected to severe cross examination. Pinned down, Johnson said he was unable to give definite dates for his alleged interviews with the couple. He admitted that his recollection of the conversations was very general.

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A single expert judge will render the decision, according to Coach Horace Babcock, who has made an excellent start as debate coach at Willamette. His team defeated the West Virginians and it is expected that he will be successful against OAC.

ASHLAND WINS IN FIGHT FOR STATE NORMAL

Bill Passes Senate Providing for Permanent Support of Southern Oregon Normal School

SOLONS FROM EASTERN OREGON VOTE FOR BILL

Delegates Lend Support in Anticipation of Favorable Referendum

With only three dissenting votes the senate passed house bill 87, providing for the permanent support and maintenance of the Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland.

The bill drew forth considerable argument, and a motion by Senator Ritter to refer the measure to the committee on education, with instructions to have the people vote on it, together with the proposed Eastern Oregon and Seaside normal schools, was defeated.

The eastern Oregon senators lent their support to the bill in spite of the fact that they are working for a similar school in their territory. It is agreed, however, that the eastern Oregon school has a greater chance of finding favor with the voters than it would if the Ashland matter was also being voted on.

Senators Strayer, Taylor and Zimmerman were the only ones casting negative votes.

House bill 413, providing for revenue for the use, maintenance, repair and reconstruction of public highways, was passed in the senate with only one dissenting vote. It provides for the taxation of motor stages and trucks.

Senator Eddy spoke in favor of the measure, and explained it on the floor. "We are endeavoring to establish some form of just taxation on the stage and truck people, in order to in some measure compensate for the damage done to the highways of the state by their vehicles," Senator Eddy declared.

"Passenger buses run at a high rate of speed, and this, together with their weight, is a constant source of damage to the roads which we have furnished at a very high cost. The tax which we propose will not put them out of business, as some have said. Neither are we legislating for the railroads, as has been insinuated. We merely want to provide some form of revenue from our highways, which the truck and bus people are using as right of ways."

Senator Miller, speaking for the passage of the bill, gave figures showing that 90 per cent of the damage done to the roads was caused by 4 per cent of the traffic. "If they can not assume the slight tax," Senator Miller declared, "they should either raise their rates, or go out of business. I believe, however, they shall find it necessary to do neither."

Senator Joseph was the only one casting a negative vote.

ASHLAND MAN IS STRUCK BY AUTO

John H. Fuller Taken to Hospital to Have Injuries Dressed

DEBATE TEAMS ARE TO MEET TONIGHT

Willamette University and Oregon Agriculture College Are to Vie Here

The Willamette university men's debate squad will meet the Oregon Agricultural college in a single debate to be held here this evening at 8 o'clock. Willamette will be represented by James McClintock and Joel Berreman. Berreman was a member of the team that defeated the West Virginians here recently and McClintock lead a freshman inter-scholastic team last year.

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Great Fortunes of Rockefeller and Carnegie Families Are To Be Linked by Their Marriage



The engagement has been announced of Miss Nancy C. S. Carnegie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie 2nd, and a grand niece of the late Andrew Carnegie, and James Stillman Rockefeller, son of the late William G. Rockefeller. He was captain of last year's great Yale varsity crew.

MOVIE BOARD BILL PASSED

House Takes Favorable Action Upon Censorship Measure; To Senate

Receiving but 10 negative votes, Representative Tucker's movie censorship bill was passed by the house at noon Monday and consigned to the mercies of the senate. The bill is protection for those who attend shows and will increase by 20 percent, the sponsor claimed. According to his figures there are 48,525 persons in penitentiaries in the United States between the ages of 16 and 21 who are where they are solely through the effects of the improper kind of moving picture films, he said.

The fact that news, educational and scenic reels were not excluded from the fee resulted in several negative votes. Representative Loneragan taking exception to this and expressing himself in favor of an amendment. The burden is placed upon those who exhibit and not those who see the films, he said. Representative King, who lead the opposition forces, held that the Portland board had offered to do the censoring free of charge and that there was already too many boards and commissions in the state. Half of the films do not need censoring, he said, and the Portland board can easily take care of the remainder. Representative Shelton moved for an indefinite postponement but the motion failed. Representatives Woodward and Bennett spoke in favor of the bill.

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SENATE VOTES SALARY RAISE

Secretary, Treasurer, and Attorney General Are Granted License

The salaries of the secretary of state, the state treasurer, and the attorney general were increased \$900 a year in the senate yesterday by a vote of 17 to 12, with one senator absent.

The bill had been reported out of the ways and means committee with the recommendations that it should not pass, and was then referred to the committee of county and state officers, which recommended that the measure be acted on favorably. The original bill, called for the salaries to be raised to \$6000, but this was reduced in the committee to \$5400, making a raise of \$900.

The bill was opposed by Senator Toose, chairman of the ways and means committee, and by Senator Staples. "The state officers knew quite well when they were

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PEOPLE MUST RISE TO OVERCOME WAR

Definite Movement Must be Outlined; International Agreement Needed

GINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—An informed and definite public opinion in America and throughout the world demanding the outlawry of the war system in all lands must be created, and the war institution must be outlawed by international agreement and made a crime under the law of nations, Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Robins, Chicago, declared before a general session of the department of superintendence of the national education association convention tonight. Colonel Robins formerly held a post in the United States army in connection with Red Cross work.

No movement could contribute more to the realization of the ideal of a square deal and equal opportunity for all American children than the tendency in education during the past few years to overcome the handicaps under which the rural schools of this country have labored in the past, John J. Tigert, United States commissioner of education, told a group conference of the superintendents' convention. He pointed out that although slightly more than one-half of the school children in the country attend rural schools, the rural educational facilities have never been comparable with those of the city school systems.

Dr. Tigert spoke in favor of state financing and supervision of the schools. Declaring that "a live newspaper is better than state history" and advocating that students in the schools should be taught to study world news and to think in world terms, Augustus S. Thomas, commissioner of education of Maine, told a group session of the superintendence delegates that "international justice cannot be taught incidentally, collaterally, nor corollarily."

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FISH CONTROL FIGHT IS WON BY GOVERNOR

House Concedes Victory to Pierce by Killing Measure Taking Away His Appointive Powers

REFORESTRATION BILL ALSO GETS MAJORITY

Amendment Fails to Win Over Opposing Forces but Bill Passed Anyhow

Governor Pierce has won his fight to retain the power of appointing members of the fish commission Monday when the house adopted a report that S. B. No. 84 be defeated by the vote of 31 to 27. The bill sought to place this power with the board of control. The committee returned two reports, one that the bill be passed and the other that it be defeated, each report being signed by three members of the committee.

Realizing that the governor would not approve of such a bill should it be passed by the house, Representative Graham, in speaking in behalf of the "minority" report, as it was called, pointed out that it was needless to take the time of the house as the governor was bound to veto the measure anyhow and that the house might as well "clean its hands."

Reforestation Revived "You fellows who seek to take the power of appointments from the governor at this time will come back two years hence if a republican governor is elected, and again place this power in the hands of the executive," he declared. Had the measure been voted upon last week it is probable that it would have carried, but it has been referred and postponed several times until the corners of the bill were almost worn away.

Aided by an amendment providing that no contracts should be entered into by the state forester until July 1, 1927, H. B. No. 414, which had been once defeated and then brought to life by a vote for reconsideration, was passed. The bill is for the assessment and taxation of denuded forest lands and is a step toward a general reforestation program.

Speaking against the bill was Representative Woodward, who opposed it as bitterly as he did when it was first brought to the attention of the house. "The bill is still wrong from beginning to end and does not change but merely postpones the evil," he said.

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MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

Sensor Borah, republican, Idaho, started a fight against congressional salary increases.

The house aircraft committee deferred action on a resolution to reopen hearings.

The nomination of Alanson B. Houghton to be ambassador to Great Britain was sent to the senate.

A deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$54,426,000 was reported by the house appropriations committee.

George Washington's birth anniversary was observed by patriotic societies and government departments.

Sustaining a ruling of President Cummins, the senate sent the Underwood-Miscellaneous bill back to conference.

The house committee was told by its counsel the department of justice was investigating thirteen "unworthy" veterans organizations.

A woman's conference on national defense heard addresses by President Coolidge, Secretary and other high officials.

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